

§ 404. National Highway Safety Advisory Committee

(a)(1) There is established in the Department of Transportation a National Highway Safety Advisory Committee, composed of the Secretary or an officer of the Department appointed by him, the Federal Highway Administrator, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator, and thirty-five members appointed by the President, no more than four of whom shall be Federal officers or employees. The Secretary shall select the Chairman of the Committee from among the Committee members. The appointed members, having due regard for the purposes of this chapter, shall be selected from among representatives of various State and local governments, including State legislatures, of public and private interests contributing to, affected by, or concerned with highway safety, including the national organizations of passenger car, bus, and truck owners, and of other public and private agencies, organizations, or groups demonstrating an active interest in highway safety, as well as research scientists and other individuals who are expert in this field.

(2)(A) Each member appointed by the President shall hold office for a term of three years, except that (i) any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term, and (ii) the terms of office of members first taking office after the date of enactment of this section shall expire as follows: Twelve at the end of one year after the date such committee members are appointed by the President, twelve at the end of two years after the date such committee members are appointed by the President, and eleven at the end of three years after the date such committee members are appointed, as designated by the President at the time of appointment, and (iii) the term of any member shall be extended until the date on which the successor's appointment is effective. None of the members appointed by the President who has served a three-year term, other than Federal officers or employees, shall be eligible for reappointment within one year following the end of his preceding term.

(B) Members of the Committee who are not officers or employees of the United States shall, while attending meetings or conferences of such Committee or otherwise engaged in the business of such Committee, be entitled to receive compensation at a rate fixed by the Secretary, but not exceeding \$100 per diem, including travel-time, and while away from their homes or regular places of business they may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized in section 5 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 (5 U.S.C. 73b-2) for persons in the Government service employed intermittently. Payments under this section shall not render members of the Committee employees or officials of the United States for any purpose.

(b) The National Highway Safety Advisory Committee shall advise, consult with, and make recommendations to, the Secretary on matters relating to the activities and functions of the

Department in the field of highway safety. The Committee is authorized (1) to review research projects or programs submitted to or recommended by it in the field of highway safety and recommend to the Secretary, for prosecution under this title, any such projects which it believes show promise of making valuable contributions to human knowledge with respect to the cause and prevention of highway accidents; and (2) to review, prior to issuance, standards proposed to be issued by order of the Secretary under the provisions of section 402(a) of this title and to make recommendations thereon. Such recommendations shall be published in connection with the Secretary's determination or order.

(c) The National Highway Safety Advisory Committee shall meet from time to time as the Secretary shall direct, but at least once each year.

(d) The Secretary shall provide to the National Highway Safety Committee from among the personnel and facilities of the Department of Commerce¹ such staff and facilities as are necessary to carry out the functions of such Committee.

(Added Pub. L. 89-564, title I, §101, Sept. 9, 1966, 80 Stat. 733; amended Pub. L. 90-150, Nov. 24, 1967, 81 Stat. 507; Pub. L. 93-87, title II, §223, Aug. 13, 1973, 87 Stat. 292; Pub. L. 94-280, title II, §209, May 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 455.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of this section, referred to in subsec. (a)(2)(A), is Sept. 9, 1966.

Section 5 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 (5 U.S.C. 73b-2), referred to in subsec. (a)(2)(B), was repealed by Pub. L. 89-554, §8(a), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 632. Section 7(b) of Pub. L. 89-554 provided that references to sections of former Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees, are to be deemed to be references to corresponding provisions of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. Provisions similar to section 73b-2 of former title 5 are now contained in section 5703 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

AMENDMENTS

1976—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 94-280 substituted provision for selection by the Secretary of the Chairman of the Committee from among the Committee members for prior provision making the Secretary or an officer of the Department appointed by him the Chairman of the Committee.

1973—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 93-87 added the National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator to the membership of the National Highway Safety Advisory Committee.

1967—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 90-150, §1(1), substituted "Department of Transportation" for "Department of Commerce", increased number of Committee appointees from twenty-nine to thirty-five, and provided for selection of members from representatives of national organizations of passenger car, bus, and truck owners.

Subsec. (a)(2)(A). Pub. L. 90-150, §1(2), substituted provisions for expirations of term of office of initial appointees one, two, and three years after date of appointment for twelve, twelve, and eleven members, respectively, for former provisions for such expiration one, two, and three years following enactment date of Sept. 9, 1966, for ten, ten, and nine members, respectively, and prohibited reappointment within one year

¹ So in original. Probably should be "Transportation".

after end of preceding term of member serving a three-year term of office.

TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Advisory committees in existence on Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period following Jan. 5, 1973, unless, in the case of a committee established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such committee is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a committee established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided for by law. See section 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

[§ 405. Repealed. Pub. L. 94-280, title I, § 135(c), May 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 442]

Section, added Pub. L. 93-87, title II, § 230(a), Aug. 13, 1973, 87 Stat. 293; amended Pub. L. 93-643, § 121, Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2289, related to the Federal-aid safer roads demonstration program.

§ 406. School bus driver training

(a) The Secretary is authorized to make grants to the States for the purpose of carrying out State programs approved by him of driver education and training for persons driving school buses.

(b) A State program under this section shall be approved by the Secretary if such program—

- (1) provide for the establishment and enforcement of qualifications for persons driving school buses;
- (2) provides for initial education and training and for refresher courses;
- (3) provides for periodic reports to the Secretary on the results of such program; and
- (4) includes persons driving publicly operated, and persons driving privately operated, school buses.

(c) Not less than \$7,500,000 of the sums authorized to carry out section 402 of this title for fiscal year 1976 shall be obligated to carry out this section. Not less than \$7,000,000 of the sums authorized to carry out section 402 of this title for each of the fiscal years 1977 and 1978 shall be obligated to carry out this section. All sums authorized to carry out this section shall be apportioned among the States in accordance with the formula established under subsection (c) of section 402 of this title, and shall be available for obligation in the same manner and to the same extent as if such funds were apportioned under such subsection (c). The Federal share payable on account of any project to carry out a program under this section shall not exceed 75 per centum of the cost of the project.

(Added Pub. L. 93-643, § 126(a), Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2291; amended Pub. L. 94-280, title II, § 205, May 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 453; Pub. L. 95-599, title I, § 129(g), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2708.)

AMENDMENTS

1978—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-599 substituted “section shall not exceed 75 per centum” for “title shall not exceed 70 per centum”.

1976—Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 94-280 redesignated as subsec. (c) the authorization provisions previously set out as a second subsec. (b), provided for obligation of at least \$7,000,000 for fiscal years 1977 and 1978 to carry out this section, and provided for availability of funds for

obligation in the same manner and to the same extent as if the funds were apportioned under section 402(c) of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment Pub. L. 95-599 effective with respect to obligations incurred after Nov. 6, 1978, see section 129(h) of Pub. L. 95-599, set out as a note under section 120 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 157 of this title.

§ 407. Innovative project grants

(a) In addition to other grants authorized by this chapter, the Secretary may make grants in any fiscal year to those States, political subdivisions thereof, and nonprofit organizations which develop innovative approaches to highway safety problems in accordance with criteria to be established by the Secretary in cooperation with the States, political subdivisions thereof, and such nonprofit organizations as the Secretary deems appropriate.

(b) The Secretary shall establish a procedure for the selection of grant applications submitted under this section. In developing such procedure, the Secretary shall consult with the States and political subdivisions thereof, appropriate Federal departments and agencies, and such other public and nonprofit organizations as the Secretary deems appropriate.

(c) Any State, political subdivision thereof, and nonprofit organization may make an application under this section to carry out an innovative project described in subsection (a) of this section. Such application shall be in such form and contain such information as the Secretary, by regulation, prescribes.

(d) Not to exceed 2 per centum of the funds authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section shall be available to the Secretary for the necessary costs of administering the provisions of this section.

(e) The Secretary shall submit an annual report to the Congress which provides a description of each application received for a grant under this section and an evaluation of innovative projects carried out with grants made under this section.

(Added Pub. L. 95-599, title II, § 208(a), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2732.)

§ 408. Alcohol traffic safety programs

(a) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Secretary shall make grants to those States which adopt and implement effective programs to reduce traffic safety problems resulting from persons driving while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance. Such grants may only be used by recipient States to implement and enforce such programs.

(b) No grant may be made to a State under this section in any fiscal year unless such State enters into such agreements with the Secretary as the Secretary may require to ensure that such State will maintain its aggregate expenditures from all other sources for alcohol traffic safety programs at or above the average level of such expenditures in its two fiscal years preceding the date of enactment of this section.